Northern Region

Virginia Archaeology Month 2006



Daily Events

CELEBRATE WARRENTON HISTORY

Warrenton

Warrenton/Fauquier County Heritage Day Saturday, September 30

10 a.m.—4 p.m. Join us for a day of celebration commemorating 247 years of Warrenton and Fauquier County heritage American Community. Sponsored by the John S. Mosby Museum Foundation.

2 p.m. Living History Parade on Main Street

Special displays, tours, reenactments and lectures at the Old Courthouse, Courthouse Square, The John Barton Payne Building, Old Jail Museum and Brentmoor; The Spillman-Mosby House. Free admission to Brentmoor, a National Register of Historic Places Site. Contact: Paula Johnson (540) 351-1600

Brentmoor: The Spillman-Mosby House 173 Main Street, Warrenton

Oct 7 Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) Demonstration / Geophysical Survey Saturday, 9 a.m.—4 p.m.

Remote Sensing to be conducted in an attempt to locate a possible early 19th-century house foundation.

This house may be associated with existing outbuildings located on the historic property.

Oct 14-15 Hands-On Archaeology: Stable Foundation

Excavation Saturday & Sunday, 9 a.m.—3 p.m. Excavation of the stable foundation, a wooden structure burned in the Mid-20th-century, with stone foundation still visible. Visitors may assist with screening. Event includes tour and interpretation of existing 19th-century brick domed cistern. Contact: Dr. Kay McCarron (540) 351-1600

For more information contact the John S. Mosby Museum and Education Center: www.mosbymuseum.org

Monday, October 16 McLean

Kid's ONCE IN TIME—Come look at life in
Program: Virginia with Archaeologist, Shary Moose.
Sponsor: Friends of the Dolley Madison Library

Location: Dolly Madison Library

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1244 Oak Ridge Avenue

Time: 4 p.m.

Contact: (703) 356-0770

Web: <u>www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/dm</u>

ALEXANDRIA ARCHAEOLOGY

Alexandria Archaeology Museum Third Floor of the Torpedo Factory Art Center 105 N. Union Street, No. 327, Alexandria

Hours: Tuesday–Friday, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Sunday, 1–5 p.m.; Monday closed

Exhibit: A Community Digs Its Past—The Lee Street Site. During museum hours in October. An exhibition featuring the archaeology and history unearthed during the excavation of the city block in Alexandria bounded by Lee, Union, and Queen Streets. Free and open to the public.

Kid's Program: Alexandria Archaeology Adventure Lessons. During museum hours in October. A series of 45-minute hands-on educational programs designed for K-12. Suitable for Scout groups, birthday parties, and school groups. \$2 per child with a \$20 minimum. Limited to 20 children per program. Reservations required.

George Washington Masonic National Memorial 101 Callahan Drive

Oct 14 Alexandria Heritage Trail Bike Ride Saturday, 10 a.m.—1 p.m. Meet in the parking lot. A 20-mile guided tour of Alexandria's Heritage Trail. Includes some street cycling, gravel trails, a few hills, and stops at Alexandria's lesser-known archaeological sites. Bring money and a bike lock for an optional lunch stop. Helmets and reservations required. Children under 16 must be accompanied by a participating adult. This event is free and open to the public.

Oct 21 Interpretive Excavation Site Tour Saturday, 1:30–3 p.m.

Join City archaeologists for a guided tour of the Shuter's Hill
excavation site. Investigations into this registered archaeological
site reveal human occupation dating back 5,000. The current
excavation focuses on the remains of a mid-19th-century estate
and vestiges of a late 18th-century plantation. The tour is free
and open to the public. Reservations required.

The Lyceum, Alexandria's History Museum 201 S. Washington Street, Alexandria

Oct 25 Lecture: Love and Hate in Jamestown: John Smith, Pocahontas, and the Start of the New Nation Wednesday, 7:30-9:00 p.m. An illustrated lecture with David Price on the riveting story of the founding of Virginia. Free and open to the public. Followed by a book signing with the author. Sponsored by the Alexandria Historical Society, the Lyceum, and Alexandria Archaeology.

Founder's Park, Corner of North Union & Oronoco Streets Oct 28 Walking Tour: *Under the Alexandria Waterfront with the*

City Archaeologist, Saturday, 10 a.m.—noon A walking tour exploring Alexandria's maritime and archaeological heritage. Free, but reservations required.

Dates and times subject to change. Call the Alexandria Archaeology Museum at (703) 838-4399 for event confirmation.

The Alexandria Archaeology Museum is owned and operated by the City of Alexandria and complies with the ADA. An individual with a disability who wishes a reasonable accommodation should call the museum ten days prior to the selected event. http://oha.ci.alexandria.va.us/archaeology/

October 23 Falls Church

Kid's ONCE IN TIME—Come look at life in Program: Virginia with Archaeologist, Shary Moose.

Sponsor: Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library

Location: 7584 Leesburg Pike

Time: 3 p.m.

Contact: (703) 790-8088

Web: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ty

Ongoing Events

October 3—November 6 Chantilly

SULLY—THE EARLY YEARS—Case Exhibit:

> exhibit of Early American Indian projectile points and artifacts found in

Fairfax County.

Fairfax County Park Authority / Sully Sponsor:

Historic Site

Location: 3601 Sully Road

Time: Daily except Tuesday 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Contact: (703) 437-1794

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully Web:

Tuesday thru Thursday in October Mount Vernon

ARCHAEOLOGY IN GEORGE Site Tour:

WASHINGTON'S FLOWER GARDEN—

Come watch Mount Vernon's

archaeologists as they uncover evidence of Washington's flower garden. These excavations are part of a long-term research project—the goal of which is to unearth and reconstruct the layout of the garden as it would have looked at the end of the 18th-century.

Sponsor: Historic Mount Vernon

Location: South end of the George Washington Parkway

Time: Tuesday thru Thursday: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

(703) 799-6314 Contact:

www.mountvernon.org/learn/pres arch/ Web:

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCES

FIRST PEOPLE: The Early Indians of Virginia, by Keith Egloff and Deborah Woodward The new edition will be available in October, 2006. To order a copy from the University of Virginia Press go to: www.upress.virginia.edu/newandforth.html

ARK-The Virginia Indian Archaeological Resource Kit.

This ARK contains books, drawings, videos, replicas, and a computer game that will give students a variety of ways to explore archaeology and the Indians of Virginia. The kit circulates on temporary loan at no cost. Contact Keith Egloff at (804) 367-2323 Ext. 131

RESOURCES for TEACHERS & STUDENTS

AVAILABLE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC

RESOURCES— Museums, teachers, and educational organizations may check out ARK kits at no cost by calling Keith Egloff at (804) 367-2323 Ext. 131

ARK—The African American Archaeological Resource Kit. This new kit of resource materials for teachers was produced by the Education Committee of the Council of Virginia Archaeologists. It contains artifacts, artifact identification flash cards, maps and site plans, a card game based on foodways, and explanatory material on each of three sites.

AVAILABLE ONLINE AT:

www.dhr.virginia.gov/arch DHR/archaeo teach.htm

Teachers! Now available online—the Teacher Guide and Activity Book to Solving History's Mysteries: The History Discovery Lab. The exhibition and the guide use archaeological sites and historic places to illustrate the processes of discovering the tangible evidence of our past. To get your free copy call Dee DeRoche (367) 2323 Ext. 134.

Lesson plans using archaeology These lesson plans, for elementary and middle school students, are tied to appropriate Standards of Learning and were developed in association with the Becoming a Homeplace section of the Virginia Historical Society's major exhibition, The Story of Virginia. Plans are posted on the VHS site, link available from the above DHR site address.